



Activity #5 – Grade 7 and Grade 8

If you are studying remotely, email a picture of your completed activity to your catechist by December 6 or December 9. If you attend class in person, bring this completed activity with you.

Name _____

Advent – Prepare the Way of the Lord – Ready the Way

This weekend begins Advent, the four weeks in which we prepare for Christmas, the feast of God-with-us. At the 9:30 November 29 Mass (which you can attend online, as it will be posted Sunday morning), the entrance hymn is “Ready the Way.” Listen to that hymn at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjproVqw73k>. As you listen, think of some place in your own life where you need strength. What are you getting ready for?

Refrain: Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord (2x)

1. Make straight the road, raise the valleys, and mountains make low.
Turning from sin, let the broken be whole, and ready the way of the Lord.
2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk in your truth,
so we may love more like you and ready the way for you Lord.

Things always look different when we are getting ready for something. As you attend Mass this weekend, online or in person, you will notice some different things in the church. What are some things that are different this weekend at Mass because we are preparing for Christmas?

Many people have Christmas traditions that help us express the importance and significance of this great feast. Traditions are very different, but they reflect some aspect of the meaning of Christmas.

Talk with someone, preferably a person who is older than your parents, and ask them what Christmas traditions they had when they were younger and what the traditions meant to them. Grandparents and older persons from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds often have traditions that are meaningful and special to them. Traditions can involve things like food, music, dancing, decorating, clothing, making things, and numerous other activities.

Whom did you speak with? _____

What Christmas tradition did the person speak about and why is that very meaningful? _____

Then think about which Christmas tradition is most meaningful to you and why.